

Declaration and Power of Attorney

As a below named inventor and petitioner in the foregoing petition, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below or in an attached Declaration) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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and the specification which (check one)

X is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____

and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any application(s) listed below previously filed in the United States, or as provided in 35 U.S.C. § 363, for all inventions disclosed in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112; and, insofar as this application discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the prior copending application(s), I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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